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In the 1954 Investment Plan priority was given to the projects laid down in the 1954 Power Program. In case of difficulties for instance regarding the supply of materials, orders for large power plant projects, are declared government orders. Weekly reports on the progress of work will be submitted every week. The reports, dated 5 February 1954, on the status of the power program as of 25 January 1954, and the backlog from the 1953 power program, mentioned more than 80 power stations and their completion dates. Court procedure was started against the Bergmann-Borsig firm in Berlin-Wilhelmsruh and the LEW firm in Hennigsdorf for non-fulfillment of contracts.

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Comment: In late 1947, after the dismantling by the Soviets had been completed, the total installed capacity of the East German power plants, which was 8,130 MW at the close of the war, had dropped to 4,000 MW, of which only 2,500 MW were actually available. This disproportion between the installed capacity and the actual output was mainly due to the dismantling of boiler plants, which prevented full utilization of available turbine installations. By the end of 1953, however, this disproportion was largely eliminated. Actual output of electric power was estimated at about 3,800 MW in late 1953. The present report indicates that 737.25 MW are scheduled to be installed in 1954. This would approximately correspond to the data given in the 1954 Economic Plan, which provides for the erection of additional power plants including overhaul work increasing available capacity by 750 MW.

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